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Mr. Gary Baughman Colorado Department of Health 4300 Cherry Creek South Denver, CO 80222-1530

RE: Approval of the OU 16 Final
"No Further Action
Justification" Document

Dear Mr. Baughman:

EPA has completed review of the subject document. In general, the document adequately addressed EPA's previous comments. Therefore, EPA recommends CDH grant approval of the document. However, it is EPA's position that the close-out of OU 16 can only be achieved by following the administrative process through to the Proposed Plan and Record Of Decision (ROD). EPA suggests meeting in the near future with DOE to define all parties' responsibilities on preparation of documents and community involvement, as well as to establish schedules for all agreed future actions on this OU.

Please do not hesitate to contact Arturo Duran of my staff at (303) 294-1080 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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